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Ft. McHenry - viewed from the John Brown- Photo by Tim Ketchum

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### *President's Message:*

December 13, 2005

Dear Members,

**I look forward to seeing everyone at our midwinter meeting at the NRA Museum on January 15th at 1:30 pm.** We will meet in the auditorium in the basement which is under the museum. It is the building on the right as you come in.

Many thanks to Rose and Bill Wilson, Janet and George Mele and Randy for a wonderful meeting in September. I was sorry to miss it as I was on State Active duty with the Maryland Defense Force in Louisiana. I saw the D-Day Museum which was untouched by flood water but had some problems with looters. Jackson Barracks was not so lucky and many artifacts were ruined.

A number of our members have been in parades in Leesburg, Brunswick, Aberdeen, Havre de Grace and Belair this fall. Unfortunately the John Brown trip was rained out in October.

Tony and Tom are already working hard on the rally –it looks very promising. Tom and I are going to meet with Ripken Stadium officials to work out traffic patterns and parking as best we can. Construction has begun on two of the fields we used for parking last year. (Shopping center- Knott and Embassy Suites on north side of the entrance road.)

I just got back from the Golden West Show in Phoenix where I met many members of the Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club. Allan Cors and Mark Sehring among others were in attendance from our club. They worked on Bob Ferris' Ferret in Wickenburg, AZ for a day, before going to the show. BATF gave a small seminar on machine gun registration and

manufacture, which was excellent. Many of our May Rally Vendors were present. You can't imagine how many vehicles are well preserved in that dry, beautiful weather.

I want to thank Anja for picking up the newsletter. Scott did a great job for so many years!

Looking forward to seeing you in January.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

George Rich  
President

### *Message from Scott Johnson:*

STILL RAMBLING – MUSINGS FROM THE  
**EX**-EDITOR

First of all, I would like to thank Anja, AKA "Madam Editor" for taking over the newsletter and for permitting me to have a column. I have promised to support her and contribute when I can, and I hope the rest of the club does likewise.

"Great Inventions"

The other day I had occasion to think about great inventions in history. What a wide open field for discourse! Think of the hundreds of thousands of inventions throughout history, many of which we take for granted every day: the wheel, movable type, the steam engine, the blast furnace, the steel plow, the airplane, the electric light bulb, the transistor, the computer, pasteurization, the refrigerator-the list goes on and on.

Concentrating on military inventions, remember that it was the humble stirrup that allowed William the Conqueror's mounted archers to stand up in their saddles and shoot their longbows, devastating the Saxons at the

Battle of Hastings in 1066, and thereby altering the course of history. General Patton called the M-1 Garand the greatest battle implement ever devised. The machine gun revolutionized warfare, as did the tank. Certainly, the Atomic Bomb is in a class by itself as inventions go.

What you consider to be the greatest invention depends on your perspective. I heard a former Army doctor who had tended the wounded at Omaha Beach on D-Day who considered that the greatest invention of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century was not the Atomic Bomb but rather penicillin, because people used to die from simple infections. Certainly farmers would point out that agricultural advancements have resulted in America changing from a country where 75% of the population was needed to produce food, to modern times where less than 3% of us are farmers.

Here is my perspective: I was driving "Rattler", my WWII jeep, to Washington DC for the Memorial Day parade. Now, the WWII jeep is a great invention in its own right, and was far ahead of its time when you consider it has innovations such as a PCV valve and constant velocity joints. But driving into the morning sun sure gives you an appreciation for a very simple invention that WWII jeeps lack: sun visors!

And more importantly, picture a 50-plus military vehicle enthusiast, dressed in a vintage uniform, bouncing along for the 30 mile chilly early morning trip into the District after consuming my morning ration of coffee. At about Alexandria, Nature began beckoning. By the time I reached the Parade lineup point, I was almost in pain, and pulled up in front of a "johnny on the spot". I stopped the jeep, walked into the outhouse, and now all that stood between me and the "pause that refreshes" were..... the five stupid buttons on the fly of my vintage Herringbone Twill combat pants!!

That is why I consider the ZIPPER to be one of the greatest inventions in history.

*Scott*

### ***Message from the Editor:***

Well, it's my first newsletter. I am very nervous about taking over the position of the Newsletter Editor. As the saying goes, it will be very hard to fill Scott's shoes. What an excellent job he

has done over the past years with the O.D. News. Scott knows the ins and outs better than I do. I am going to rely on all the club members to help me in filling the newsletter with a lot of useful and helpful information, and of course with pictures that you send me. I hope that I can do the club and the newsletter justice.

On a personal note, when I take on this endeavor, as with the Rally Registration Tent Coordinator, I cannot do it without my husband, Bob. He is my sounding board, and he gives me plenty of advice, especially when I am asking him about the different vehicle types that club members own. To me he is considered the assistant Newsletter Editor and Rally Registration Tent Coordinator, and I thank him very much for this.

I would also like to say that whenever I speak of the club to friends and family I always tell them how great the club members are. The club is always there to help me in any capacity, especially at the Rally. I am proud to be a member.

*Anja Taylor*

### **Minutes of the Meeting** **September 24, 2005**

Those in attendance were:

Robert Amos, Tom, Rose & Angela Buonaugurio, Darrel Carver, Marvin Chadab, Kit Cooper, Robert Durgin, Jonathan Hall, Charles Hobelmann, Jr., William Horn, Scott Johnson, Stan Kinmonth, Peter Lee, Fred & Sandy Lutes, Douglas Lutes, Vincent Lutes, John McCleaf, Denis & Joanne Mengele, Lanny Moore, Laurie Mott, Robert Redmiles, Sr., Randy Rodman, Don Rollette, Sr., Don Rollette, Jr., Clive Rowley, Lee Gribnau, John & Maryann Sadilek, Robert Shawn, Garrick Smith, Terry Smith, Anja & Bob Taylor, George & Janet Mele, David Titus, Mr. & Mrs. Wilson, JD Warfield, Andrew White, Billy White, Woodroof Fitzhugh, Dean Hansen, Catherine & John Nazarene, Matt Picciotto, Kevin Lancaster (Those not listed did not sign in).

Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome done by Garrick Smith (Vice President). Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Wilson for hosting the meeting. Thank you to George Mele

and others who helped to coordinate the meeting/picnic.

Reports:

**President: George Rich:**

George was unable to attend due to other commitments.

**Vice President: Garrick Smith:**

Garrick presided over the meeting.

**Treasurer: Sandy Lutes:**

Club Assets: \$21,000

Rally: \$14,964 (\$10,000 more than 2004)

Sandy gave club hats to: Tom, Scott, George, Mr. Wilson, and Anja for their help at the 2005 Rally.

**Newsletter Editor:**

Scott resigned as the Newsletter Editor after all of his years of service. Anja Taylor volunteered (to try) to become the Newsletter Editor. Voted and approved by the members present.

**Events Coordinator: Tim Ketchum**

Tim was unable to attend due to other commitments. However, the events schedule through November was distributed.

**Old and New Business:**

1. Donations:

Ordinance Museum-\$1652

John Brown-\$500

D-Day Museum-\$500

Breast Cancer (Susan Komen Foundation)-\$250

Air Preservation-Capital Air Wing-\$250

Voted and approved by the members present.

2. Club Secretary:

Anja Taylor will be the club Secretary. Voted and approved by the members present.

3. Board of Directors:

Scott Johnson to replace Anja Taylor as a Director since Anja is now the Secretary. Voted and approved by the members present.

4. Rally:

The 2005 Rally site has been reserved. The Rally will be held May 11-13, 2005 at Ripken Stadium.

5. Elections:

A reminder to all members that at the 2006 Wilson's Farm meeting the club will hold election of club officers.

6. MVPA:

Garrick Smith spoke about the importance of voting for officers for the MVPA.

Garrick reviewed the people running for the Board.

7. Next Meeting:

A discussion of the possibility of holding a club meeting in late November or early December at the NRA. (TBD)

Garrick Smith reviewed the procedures for Range Control at the Wilson Farm. Kit Cooper volunteered to be in charge of the range.

Adjourned

**2006 Rally News from Tony Norton**

Due to the growth of the rally, and our policy of allowing vendors who bought spaces at last years rally to keep those same spaces for the next years rally, we can no longer continue to give club members free choice in selecting spaces before the general populace is notified. If you are a club member and held space at last years rally you may reserve those same spaces at the upcoming rally provided you notify the registrar before January 15th, 2006.

If you want to move, or want additional space over what you had last year, you may request those spaces at the time you place your reservation. However, moves and additional space will not be guaranteed. The registrar will give club members priority space selection after the Advance Registration Period expires on January 15th, 2006. At that time all unclaimed spaces will be released and may be reserved by anyone on a "first come, first serve" basis.

A letter will be mailed in mid-December to all vendors who registered last year notifying them of this policy and the deadline for claiming their spaces. Since the rally website is up and running, some vendors are already registering via the website. The website address is [www.wacbgmvt.org/ecr](http://www.wacbgmvt.org/ecr). Accessing the website, looking at the space maps, vendor directories, and registering via the website is the easiest way to reserve your spaces. You may also call

703.221.8020 after the 15<sup>th</sup> of December to place your reservation if you do not have access to the Internet.

I will have space maps, vendor directories, and blank registration forms on hand at the next club meeting for those club members who do not have Internet access, or prefer to reserve via paper.

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### **2006 Membership**



Annual membership dues are due January 1, 2006. Please send your \$20.00 to the following:

Payable to: WAC B&G MVT  
Send to: c/o Anja Taylor  
8109 Mandan Terrace  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

In order to be eligible to vote, each person must pay the \$20.00 membership dues.

Once your dues are received, I will mail your 2006 membership card to you. This will also verify that I received your dues.

Note: I have a list of vehicles owned by club members. When sending your dues, please give me a list of your vehicle(s) so that I can make sure my records are correct.

If a club member is looking to see who has a particular vehicle, please call me at 301-345-5350 or e-mail me at: [abtaylor2@verizon.net](mailto:abtaylor2@verizon.net).

### ***Submitted by Tom Buonaugurio:***

National D-Day Museum:

I just received notice that they will finally re-open on 3 Dec after the long shutdown following hurricane Katrina. Since the club had voted \$500 for the D-Day Museum, I thought I would pass on the following story.

Rose had wanted me to take her to New Orleans, LA for years; boy was I glad I took her this past Spring right before our annual rally! Since New Orleans is home the D-Day Museum

and several of you had relayed your experiences to me on your visits I naturally wanted to go. Rose actually treated me on our second morning there while the rest of the family caught up on some sleep.

I have visited many a military Museum and I gotta tell you this one surely benefited from the high level sales pitch from the likes of Tom Hanks and general media exposure. The exhibits are 90% two-dimensional, well done of course, but not many new ones that we have not already seen in other media. The videos were repeats of ones I have seen on the history channel, so not much new stuff there either. I was impressed with the Higgins landing craft and the Torpedo-Bomber Dive Bomber hanging from the ceiling, but they were reproductions. The rest of the large displays consisted of just 5 military vehicles! Great displays of personal effects and small weapons rounded out the remainder and to me were the most interesting. I was expecting to spend the better part of the day, but wrapped it up in under 4 hours. Published reports over the past two months reveal that the D-Day Museum damage was limited mostly to their gift shop which had large street side display windows. No looting or significant damage to artifacts occurred. My last Museum newsletter indicated that attendance (and hence income) will be down significantly so their expansion plans are on hold.



### **Classifieds**

#### **For Sale**

**M715** 6-cylinder Ford Truck for sale. If interested, please contact Doc Mortimer at 301-894-7081 (Temple Hills, MD)

#### **Needed!**

Fixing your vehicle, just purchased a new vehicle, attended an event (and have pictures), just purchased a military item at a bargain, and would like to brag about it, or just know of a good military vehicle story for the O.D.News. Please contact Anja Taylor at 301-345-5350 or [abtaylor2@verizon.net](mailto:abtaylor2@verizon.net).